

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, December 2, 1875, with transcript

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2d, 1875. My own dear May,

I fear you may be troubled at not hearing from Canada — so I send these few lines that you may know that it may be probable that no word may reach you before Saturday.

I received a note from my mother last night dated Sunday — and containing no allusion to my letter.

It probably reached Brantford on Saturday night or Sunday morning — so that they would not get it till Monday noon. My father would receive it at the post-office — and carry it home to my mother in the evening. Her reply would be posted Tuesday noon if she happened to be at home to write — and you could not possibly receive it before Thursday afternoon or Friday.

But my mother spoke of going to see Carrie (now Mrs. Ballachey) — as she has just become a mother — so that still further delay may arise before you hear from her.

I trust you had a pleasant evening last night. I would have given a good deal to have peeped into the ball-room while you were there. I trust you are not utterly exhausted this morning.

You are teaching me the meaning of a good many words — with whose signification I have hitherto been unacquainted.

“Happiness” is one of these words. I find 2 it means — being loved by you !

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In great haste Your loving Alec. Miss Mabel Hubbard Brattle St.